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In re: Thomas G. Coleman

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated October 9, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 1-5, 7-24, 26-33, 35-36 and 46-48.

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